

ABSTRACT

A consumable management device, an image forming system, and a method of replenishing an imaging consumable are described. According to one aspect, a consumable management device includes an interface configured to receive a first message including a first designation identifying an imaging consumable used by an image forming device to form hard images; and processing circuitry coupled with the interface, the processing circuitry being configured to convert the first designation identifying the imaging consumable to a second designation identifying the imaging consumable, to generate a second message including the second designation, and to forward the second message to the interface for communication to an entity for assisting with replenishment of the imaging consumable.

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